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SUBJECT: MEETINGS OF PHOSPHATE PRODUCING COUNTRIES

REF: (A) STATE 283462, (B) DAKAR 7828,

1. EMBASSY OFFICER VISITED TECHNICAL SECRETARY  
GENERAL AKITANI OF COMPAGNIE TOGOLAISE DES MINES  
DU BENIN (CTMB), THE GOT-OWNED PHOSPHATE MINE,  
PROCESSING AND SHIPPING COMPANY. MR. AKITANI  
CLAIMED THAT HE WAS ONLY FAMILIAR WITH THE GENERAL  
OUTLINES OF THE TALKS IN DAKAR NOV. 10, 1976. HE  
SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING HAD BEEN TO  
ESTABLISH A PRODUCERS GROUP WHICH WOULD REGULATE  
WORLD PRODUCTION AND SET PRICES. SUCH A PLAN HAD  
BEEN AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE IN DAKAR. HOWEVER, NO  
FORMULA FOR DETERMINING PERCENT OF WORLD PRODUCTION  
TO BE ALLOCATED TO EACH MEMBER HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED.  
AKITANI EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANCE

WOULD BE REACHED AT THE SECOND MEETING OF PRODUCING  
COUNTRIES WHICH STARTED DEC. 6 IN PARIS.

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2. TOGO'S DELEGATE TO PARIS MEETING IS MR. KABASSEMA,

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF OFFICE TOGOLAISE DE PHOSPHATE (OTP). EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP ON MEETINGS WITH MR. KABASSEMA WHEN HE RETURNS FROM PARIS.

3. COMMENT: PHOSPHATE IS TOGO'S LARGEST FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNER AND SINGLE BIGGEST EXPORT. THE DROP IN WORLD MARKET PRICES FOR PHOSPHATE AFTER THE 1974 BOOM LEFT TOGO WITH BIG SPENDING PLANS AND LESS MONEY THAN ANTICIPATED. AFTER TASTING BIG MONEY TOGO IS NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT POST-BOOM PRICES OF ONLY \$30-\$45/TON LYING DOWN.

4. EMBASSY LOME REQUESTS COPY DEPARTMENT'S ANALYSIS OF EFFECT OF U.S. PHOSPHATE EXPORTS ON WORLD MARKET CITED IN REFTEL (B).

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